



## 1st Quarter 2009 Recipients

\$110,750 awarded  
21 grants

### **Abode Services (formerly Tri-City Homeless Coalition) – Alameda County**

The mission of Abode Services is to end homelessness by assisting low-income un-housed people to secure stable, supportive housing and to be advocates for the removal of the causes of homelessness. Our donation helps the agency celebrate its 20 years of providing housing options and support services to approximately 2,000 homeless and low-income persons annually, including single adults, families with children, emancipated foster youth and seniors.  
[www.abodeservices.org](http://www.abodeservices.org)

### **ACOE Educational Partnerships Foundation – Alameda County**

The Argus BOOK BUCK\$ Family Reading Program is eighteen, and so is our funding of this award-winning newspaper program and the fun-filled family DUCKS for BUCKS Benefit Race. Both programs support schools and nonprofits in the Fremont, Newark and Union City areas.

### **ACTION Council of Monterey County – Monterey County**

Our contribution supports the ACTION Council's Girls Inc. of the Central Coast program. Started in 1999, the local program has grown from serving 12 girls in one Salinas high school to serve more than 800 girls in 20 schools throughout Monterey County. Girls Inc. of the Central Coast, an affiliate of the national Girls Incorporated® organization, is the first in the country to offer services totally facilitated by teen graduates of the program.  
[www.girlsinccc.org](http://www.girlsinccc.org)

### **Alameda County Library Foundation (ACLF) – Alameda County**

ACLF was formed in 1996 by a group of civic-minded community leaders. Since its inception, it has donated over \$3 million to the Alameda County Library and has helped make dozens of programs and activities possible throughout the East Bay. Our support enables ACLF to provide not only one of its most requested services—homework help—at seven sites, but also programs such as the Summer Reading Game, literacy services for youth in Juvenile Hall and reading clubs for newcomers with limited English language conversation skills.  
[www.aclf.org](http://www.aclf.org)

### **Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) – Alameda County**

The Ballistic United Soccer Club has been serving Pleasanton youth soccer for 40 years. The club focuses on skillful and creative play in order to produce better soccer players. The club philosophy is used as a model for sports clubs throughout the nation in developing youth-first programs. Our grant helps BUSC provide scholarships to economically disadvantaged youth so no child is denied the ability to play soccer based on financial hardship.  
[www.busc.org](http://www.busc.org)

### **Children's Skin Disease Foundation – Contra Costa County**

Founded in 2000 by a teenager on her 16th birthday, Children's Skin Disease Foundation focuses on the unique problems of young people who suffer from skin disease and the families who care for them. Our donation provides for children with serious and fatal skin disease aged 7-16 years old to attend Camp Wonder in Livermore. For one week the children are able to avoid the stigma and isolation often associated with skin disease, bond with other children like them, have wonderful experiences, and spend time during which they can just be kids.  
[www.csd.org](http://www.csd.org)

**Davis Street Family Resource Center (DSFRC) – Alameda County**

DSFRC is a place where 10,000 families, children and seniors annually receive help with getting the basics like food or clothing, or support services like childcare, job training or medical and mental health services. Our funding let DSFRC continue providing low-income individuals in San Leandro and its surrounding communities with critically needed services, including medical and dental services at its RotaCare Free Acute Clinic.

[www.davisstreet.org](http://www.davisstreet.org)

**Diablo Ballet – Contra Costa County**

Diablo Ballet is an internationally recognized professional performing dance company committed to enriching, inspiring, enlightening, and educating children and adults through the art of dance. Our contribution supports the company's acclaimed PEEK program, which brings performing arts education into local public schools, where at-risk students learn the creative process of movement and physical expression.

[www.diabloballet.org](http://www.diabloballet.org)

**Fremont Education Foundation (FEF) – Alameda County**

Our grant supports FEF's three major programs, which benefit all of Fremont's public schools: the Innovative Education Grants for teachers to create exceptional classroom projects; the After-School Band Program for elementary students to receive free instrumental music instruction; and the Guy Emanuele Sports Scholarship Fund for high-school athletes requiring financial assistance to participate in the school district's sports programs.

[www.fremont-education.org](http://www.fremont-education.org)

**Kidango, Inc. – Alameda County**

Kidango offers part- and full-day child care, child development and early intervention services, as well as early childhood mental health services to young children (ages 0 - 12 years) in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Francisco counties. Our funding supports Taster's Showcase, a fundraising event where the community is invited to enjoy food from some of the best local restaurants and caterers, and to sip fine wines from local wineries—a popular event in support of the nutrition program provided by the organization to over 2,500 children each day.

[www.kidango.org](http://www.kidango.org)

**Law Foundation of Silicon Valley – Santa Clara County**

The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley provides free legal services to residents in need living in Santa Clara County. For the past 30 years, the organization has helped over 85,000 clients through its five programs—AIDS Legal Services, Fair Housing Law Project, Legal Advocates for Children and Youth, Mental Health Advocacy Project and Public Interest Law Firm. Our donation allows the agency to continue providing its services free of charge, thus ensuring underrepresented individuals, including minors, have access to the legal system.

[www.lawfoundation.org](http://www.lawfoundation.org)

**Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) – All Counties**

MMRF was founded in 1998 by identical twin sisters Kathy Giusti and Karen Andrews shortly following Kathy's diagnosis with multiple myeloma. The mission of the MMRF is to urgently and aggressively fund research that will lead to the development of new treatments for multiple myeloma. As the world's number-one funder of multiple myeloma research, the MMRF has raised over \$110 million to fund 100 laboratories worldwide. Our contribution furthers MMRF's ongoing funding of the most-promising myeloma research, for optimal patient care.

[www.multiplemyeloma.org](http://www.multiplemyeloma.org)

**Music For Minors II (MFMI) – Alameda County**

Music For Minors II provides 30-minute weekly lessons in singing, dance and instrumentation to more than 4,000 pre-school and elementary children in Fremont, Newark and Castro Valley school districts. Our grant allows MFMI to present Charlotte Diamond in a benefit concert for children of all ages. Diamond is a former teacher who began a singing career 20 years ago. She has recorded several Parent Choice winning CDs and videos to entertain children and build their self-esteem and academics with creative, fun-loving music.

[www.musicforminors2.org](http://www.musicforminors2.org)

**New Haven Schools Foundation (NHSF) – Alameda County**

NHSF provides an alternative source of funding for co-curricular programs in the New Haven Unified School District. The Foundation awards more than \$50,000 in scholarships each year, funds mini-grants for classroom teachers, supports a tutoring program, assists beginning teachers, and raises money for an endowment fund. Our support enables NHSF to offer scholarships for attending college to students with strong financial need.

[www.nhusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.nhusd.k12.ca.us)

**Project Second Chance, Inc. (PSC) – Contra Costa County**

PSC has been offering an Adult Literacy Program since 1984. Since then 2,900 volunteers have provided one-on-one basis reading and writing instructions to over 4,000 adult participants. The average reading level for students entering the program is third grade. Our donation gives PSC the necessary funds to continue its successful efforts in identifying and changing the lives of adult learners in the program.

[www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org)

**Regional Parks Foundation – Alameda & Contra Costa Counties**

The Regional Parks Foundation's sole purpose is to support the East Bay Regional Park District, which serves the East Bay through preserving the environment, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, and offering environmental education. Our contribution supports the 10th anniversary of the "Forest of the Future" project, which has created more than 15 acres of oak woodlands at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont.

[www.regionalparksfoundation.org](http://www.regionalparksfoundation.org)

**San Francisco Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America – All Counties**

The San Francisco Bay Area Council, which includes San Francisco and most of Alameda County, is both the largest youth serving organization (more than 54,000 total members) and the most urban Boy Scout Council in Northern California. Our funding supports the council's Character Education Program, designed to put scouting within reach of at-risk youth in the most distressed neighborhoods of San Francisco and Alameda counties.

[www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org)

**Terrance Kelly Youth Foundation (TKYF) – Contra Costa County**

TKYF was established in honor of Terrance Kelly, an 18-year-old young man who was not involved in drugs or gangs yet was shot to death in Richmond only days before leaving to attend the University of Oregon on a scholarship. TKYF seeks to positively affect the quality of life of urban youth. Our grant supports the organization's programs, which apply unique strategic interventions that re-enforce nonviolence and provide a safe environment for at-risk youth to build the necessary skills to succeed in life.

**The Guardsmen – San Francisco County**

The Guardsmen is a group of Bay Area men mobilizing their significant talents and resources to enhance and improve the lives of at-risk youth. Since 1947, The Guardsmen has provided access to high-quality educational and outdoor activities for inner-city youth. The Guardsmen also structures its philanthropy to provide flexible and immediate support to educational and outdoor programs experiencing unforeseen financial challenges that may undermine their crucial, ongoing services to disadvantaged youth. Our support enables the group to continue sending 2,500 youth to outdoor education programs each summer.

[www.guardsmen.org](http://www.guardsmen.org)

**Valley Montessori School (VMS) – Alameda County**

The school educates children from eighteen months through eighth grade. Guided by the work of Maria Montessori, the school's vision is to offer an environment where children are inspired to realize their academic, personal and social potential. Our funding enables VMS to provide scholarships to current families who might be struggling financially during the school year after experiencing a temporary financial hardship in this year's challenging economic climate.

[www.valleymontessorischool.com](http://www.valleymontessorischool.com)

**Wardrobe for Opportunity (WFO) – Contra Costa County**

Wardrobe for Opportunity is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that provides professional clothing and career support to low-income job seekers, so they can secure employment and become economically self-sufficient. Since 1995, WFO has helped over 15,000 women and men on their path to employment and career success. Our contribution provides WFO with the necessary funds to purchase items that are not usually donated, such as shoes for men and women, umbrellas, plus-size suits, belts and stockings.

[www.wardrobe.org](http://www.wardrobe.org)